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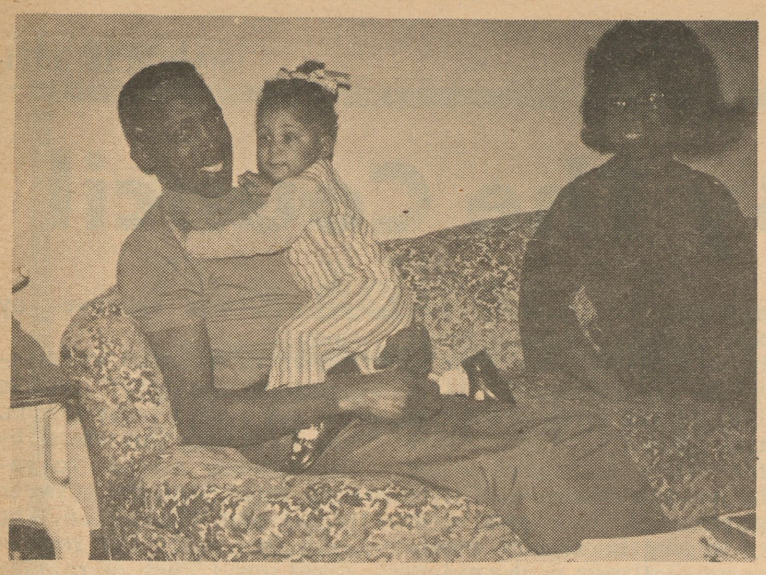
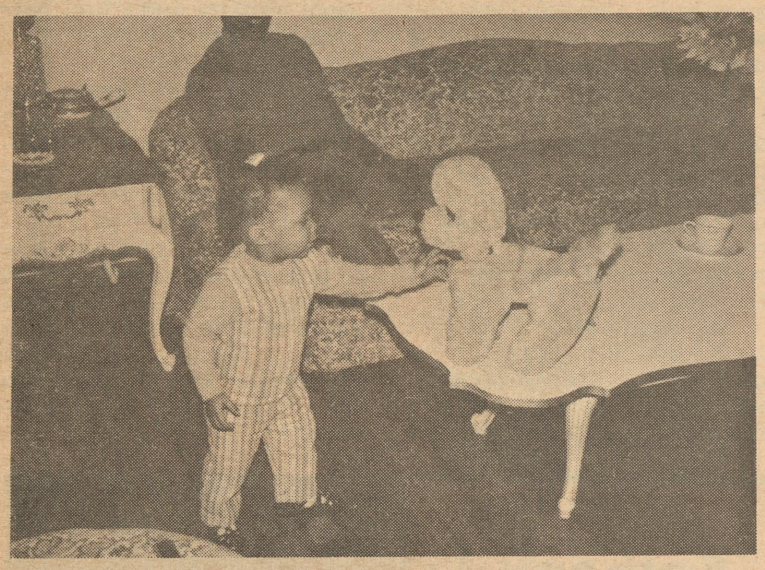
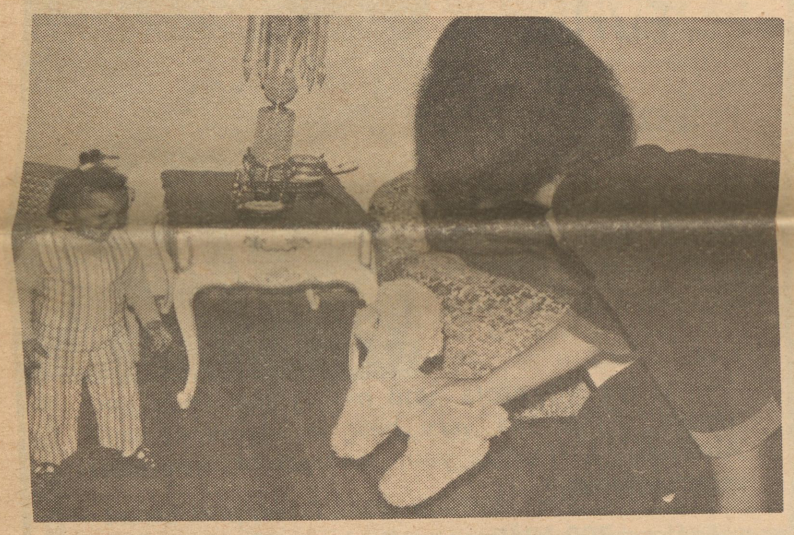


KIM ENJOYS a romp with the daddy that she loves so much while mom looks on.



LITTLE KIM reaches for her favorite toy . . a pretty stuffed one.



A LITTLE TEASING by Mrs Holmes brings a big smile for the Valley Star camera.

WELCOMING THE Valley Star into their lovely home are Mr and Mrs Holmes and Kim.

MRS HOLMES ENJOYS a cup of coffee as she talks with the reporters.

Say The Holmes —

Don't Know What You're Missing

Consider the plight of a child, any child, whose parents are unable or unwilling to provide for him. Our first impulse is to feel that some couple with no children might adopt him.

Consider further that this is a black child; then the number of potential adoptive parents decreases quickly. But there are Black parents who want to adopt, many more than most people realize. The biggest problem is that all those children and all those parents haven't been able to get together. Here's the story of one family that managed to get together.

Mr and Mrs Johnnie Holmes and their daughter, Kimberley live in a beautiful co-op apartment near the city limits in northeast Saginaw. Mr Holmes has worked at Central Foundy for five years, and Mrs Holmes teaches the third grade in a city school. Mr Holmes grew up in Texas, in a family of eight children, and he believes in large families. In fact, he says, "If we had known about this service when we were first married, we'd have four or five kids by now."

Johnnie and Shirley Holmes told Valley Star their story:

It all began one Sunday afternoon when they watched a documentary program called "Tell It Like It Is", which featured adoption services, including those of the Department of Social Services. The following day, Mrs Holmes called the Genesee County Department of Social Services, which had been involved in the TV program, and was referred to Richard Lilliefors, then the Supervisor of Child Welfare of the Saginaw County Department of Social Services. Mr Lilliefors then helped the Holmes' to get the wheels rolling.

"Our first interviews were in March of last year," Mrs Holmes remembered. Their application was assigned to Caseworker Barbara Byron, with whom they discussed, and still discuss, all the problems and difficulties connected with the adoption. Though the Holmeses, like most adoptive parents, preferred a newborn, when Miss Byron phoned to say that there was an older baby availabe, they were interested.

They first saw a picture of Kimberley in June, and then Miss Byron arranged for them to see the child. Mrs Holmes said, "On June 29th, I remember it exactly." Kimberley was about eight months old at that time. Mr Holmes said that at that meeting, Kimberley went to sleep in his wife's arms; they knew then that she was to be their daughter.

One month later, they brought her home.

Mr and Mrs Holmes both used the phrase, "not a single regret." They boasted about their daughter, just as all parents do. "She's always been a good child," Mr Holmes told us. Mrs Holmes told us not to be deceived by her quietness; "She's only like this when company comes", but when she and Mrs Homes have the house to themselves, she's a first-class chatterbox. Kimberley is a bright, happy, active child; she is just 18 months old, with plenty of hair to accomodate the large yellow bow she wore. She kept busy during the visit, playing with her favorite toy, a stuffed blue poodle, and her other best friend, the family dog, Skipper. She also helped her daddy show us some of the fruits of his hobby, photography; naturally, many of the family's favorite shots, taken with Mr Holmes' vintage Polaroid, were baby pictures of Kim.

Mr and Mrs Holmes said they were told they were the first Black couple ever to adopt through the Department of Social Services.

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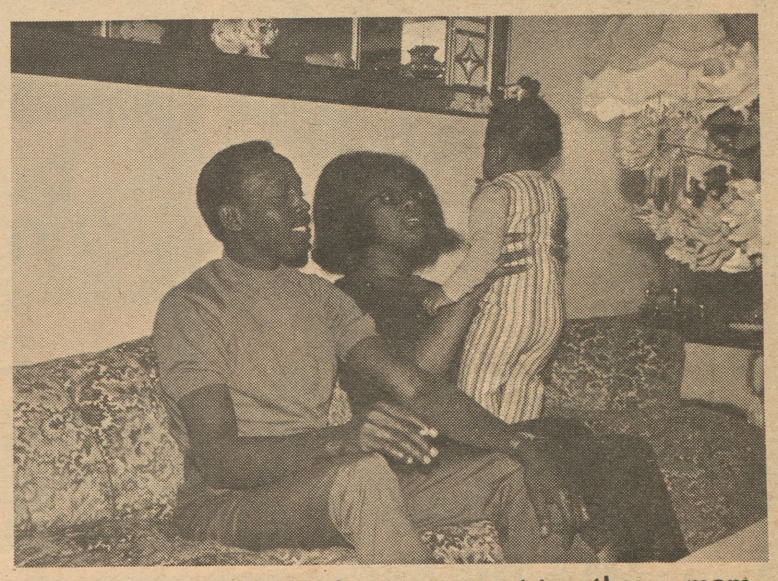

THE FAMILY enjoys a moment together . . mom, dad and little Kim.

Sewer Rates Upped By The Council

by Mike Pierrie

The City Council, even though bad weather prevailed went on as planned.

Because of the weather, two members were home sick, and two members were also on vacation this week.

There were two petitions submitted to Council this week. One was petition # A-12525 from Tom Triantafillou, agent for David and Ann Darby, 315 Grant Street filing for transfer of a Class C license from Phillip and Mary Murillo to themselves. This was receive and filed by Council.

Another petition "A-125-26 from property owners abutting Oakly, Hayes, Mason, and Throop asking that an alley there be vacated from a line south of the south side of the 722 N. Mason and 723 N. Oakley. This was approved by the Council.

From the City Manager, there was a lengthy discussion on the transfer of the Tavern license of Dale Bruns to Creghton J. Izzo at 3407 E. Genesee Avenue. The reason for the discussion was Mr Bruns's license was over-looked during the 1970 annual review. This renewal was required by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission before transfer is made.

The low bid of $17,290 by J. W. Owens Wrecking Company was accepted and approved by Council to demolish buildings and structures in the Central Business District Urban Renewal Project No. 1 area.

Council approved an agreement from General Motors Corporation to pay for a sewer to be rerouted in the former Florence Street area, where Central Foundries is installing a new furnace. The sum for rerouting is $40,-237.50, and will be paid to the city by General Motors.

The council approved a new contract with Delta Bus Company to cover City bus service. The new contract provides for the purchase of four new school buses which will be painted and equipped for City use. But, the titles will be held by Delta Bus Company and leased to the City at $10.50 per hour for three years.

Approval was given by Council to develop 5th Street and 6th Street into one-ways in the near future. This route would begin at Genesee and Cherry, and then on to Cherry to Sixth to Washington, the south bound route would begin at Fifth and Washington and then on Fifth to Thompson to Genesee. Estimated cost would be $31,000. This system would reduce accidents and congestion.

Council approved a recommended increase in the charges for sewage disposal service to the Saginaw Steering Gear complex in Buena Vista Township, effective May 1, 1971. For Saginaw Township, the readiness-to-serve charge for 5/8 inch meters would be increased from $3.35 to $3.80 per quarter, the water used from .2952 cents to 34 cents per 1,000 gallons for the first 1,000 gallons. For the Steering Gear complex, the readiness-to-serve charge, based on an 8-inch meter, would be increased from $520.50 to $574.50, the water used from .3817 cents to 53 cents per 1,000 gallons for the first 1,000 gallons. This is a 12 to 13% increase in rates.

There were also increased rates for in-city users recommended. The proposed rates would increase the quarterly readiness-to-serve charge from $2.50 to $2.90 and increase the disposal rate charge, based on amount of water used, from 22 cents per 1,000 gallons used per quarter to 26 cents. For average use, the quarterly sewage bill for disposal would be increased from $6.35 to $7.45, approximately 14 to 15%. This is for residential users. The reason for these increases would be used to finance the City's portion of the capital cost of adding secondary treatment facilities to the existing primary plant.

Also, from the City Manager was a resolution that would clear the titles of a number of lots in the Eddy Urban Renewal Project No. 1 and Eddy Urban Renewal Project No. 2. The contracts were recorded but lack of a completion certificate was causing a cloud on the title. This was received and filed by the Council.

An application Rhea E. Lumsden for transfer of an SDM license at 614 W. Remington from Harold Arnold to herself at the same address was approved by Council.

Two ordinances were introduced and layed over to the charter commission. The first one, introduced by Councilman Austin, to vacate Hayden Street between Water and Washington. The ordinance will not be enacted until cost of making necessary adjustments to pavement, storm drainage, curb replacement and barricading are executed.

The other ordinance, introduced by Councilman Omeing, was to amend Section 3-204, "Sewage Disposal Charges for Premises Outside the City" of Chapter 5 of the General Code to provide for the increased sewage disposal charges explained in reports from the City Manager. This was introduced and layed over to the Chartering Commission.

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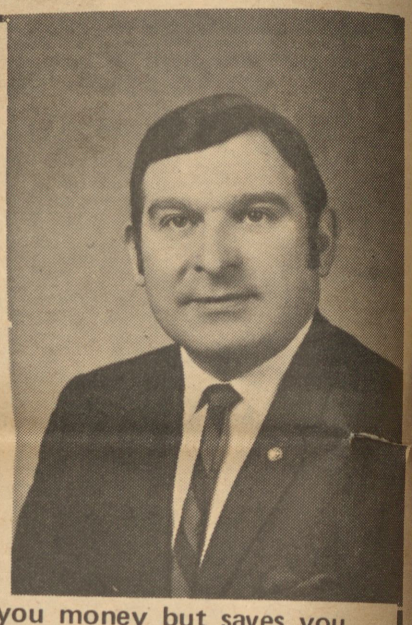

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From The Editor

Soul-Searching

Where are we today? Why can't we live as highly intelligent and the most civilized race on earth, solving our domestic problems or at least deal with them any way that we can feel we are progressing.

I speak to you on and about the problems in our schools and local communities. Today we are all dealing with the effect of the lack of the communities to live up to their obligations as well as their responsibilities to and for each other. When speaking of the effect that we are looking at today, we are all very much aware of the old saying "Too many chiefs and not enough braves".

JIM COLVIN

So, let us look at the cause of our problems today. Just a few years ago the black man revealed a great experience and that slogan was "Black and Proud". It was so beautifully followed by one of our well-known phrases today that is, "Soul Brother and Sister". I was so proud to hear some of the very influential people speak out on pride and brotherly love and the word soul brothers and sisters became a household word. Let us take a look today at the soul brothers and sisters and what they're doing to each other. Let us look at the high crime rate in our community commited by black, against black, and for black. Can you really be proud of that phrase "Soul Brother"? Is this really the meaing of soul brother? If so, then maybe we'd better start over. Let us look at our new schools and the crises there. Instead of injecting some of our pride in solving problems, many of us are saying it happened to us a long time ago. And I say to you, it was wrong then and it is wrong now. So, soul brothers and sisters, do a little "soul searching" and ask yourselves are you really proud. If so, be faithful, be meaningfully involved, and let us together try to resolve the problems of our troubled youths.

More Gained By Peaceful Revolution

Part Three of a Series

Revolution as seen by many so-called revolutionaries, is something less than a serious change, or serious strive to bring about a change in a society. To most so-called revolters it seems to be more of a game, more of a re-occurring fantasy which makes it a contest, seeing who can out best who.

In the revolutions of today, we have the so-called peaceful revolution, which in most cases has turned out to be more violent than most violent revolutions.

There are immature kids running around with a stick of dynamite in their hands, screaming we want change, we want revolution. They want this and they want that. But in its completeness, if asked what changed they wanted, or when asked why the revolt, these kids and most of them are still wet behind the ears, couldn't even begin to tell the reason.

One of the biggest revolutions of today, is the social revolution. In this revolution, the stringent walls of society which had so many high caliber restraints has been slowly crumbling, with each day the old society can see the coming of the new social classes coming swiftly and without major incident.

One of the major reasons this revolution has been happening without incident is mainly because it isn't a planned revolution, there are no organizers, no leaders, no real opponent to conquer. This is an individual revolution. A revolution with many walls to climb, yet there is really nothing to conquer.

In the revolution of the past, man has tried to change and preserve the little good in government that he had found from his forefathers. Adding just a little of his governing knowledge to try to make this governing system just a little bit better.

Well, now it looks like time has come for men to be dissatisfied again and the time has come to strike out against the government machine.

Do we know what we're striking at? Can we at all hope to have the same basic idea about law and order? Where is the real beginning to hope, and when can we expect to get some satisfaction from the things we've created, such as the laws and the governing system.

Man's only hope is in himself, but through the revolution, the great revolution that shall or should make man's world a little better because he's going to tear it all down and build it all back up again, is regressing man instead of progressing man. Why tear things down when you don't know what you're going to build in its place? Seems a little silly now?

Revolution isn't bad, but the ideas that most have of revolution is destroy your friend because he doesn't believe, destroy his brother, destroy your brother, your family and destroy yourself in the end.

See, there's nothing to revolt for after its all totally destroyed. Manhood, peace, love and brotherhood all in the flames of revolution. There's nothing left to build.

Why be violent, why burn, why not be peaceful, and educate your brother, your neighbor, your friend. Show a peaceful revolution and more might be accomplished. At any rate, there will be more left to work with this way.

Next week, conclusion to Revolution, Part IV.

A LITTLE bit of fun out on the playground of Houghton School . . before the big snow came this past weekend.

From Page One

Asked if there were any surprises in the adoption process, Mrs Holmes said she had avoided this by doing a great deal of reading on the subject of adoption. The only thing she said she would have changed was, "We wish we had known about Social Services years ago." They added that in other investigations into adoption service, they had found that some agencies charge sizable fees, as well as requiring that an attorney be hired. The only fee required in adopting through Social Services is the County Clerk's fee for registering the legal documents, which totals under $10.

To this, Mr Holmes added a last word of advice: "If you're thinking of adopting, go down there and talk to the people at Social Services!"

At that point, Mrs Holmes announced that it was Kim's nap-time, so we said our farewells, with promises to spread the good news of adoption to the Black families of Saginaw, with her last words echoing from the doorway: "Tell them they don't know what they're missing!"

by Charlene Bacon

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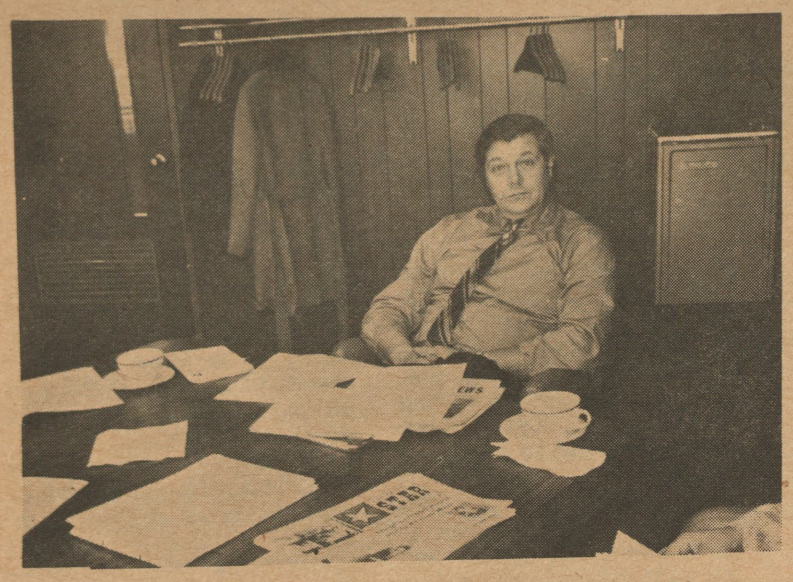

SUPERINTENDENT JIM VITANY of Buena Vista High School discusses the millage vote.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT ZUBULAKE reviews the school's past year budget.

Buena Vista Seeks Millage Hike

Here is inportant information you should know about the nine mills which are being sought by The Buena Vista School District.

1. When and where will the election be?

The election, dealing with school operating millage, will be on Tuesday, March 16, 1971, at the Buena Vista Fire Station and Highland Park School, as in past school elections; the dividing line being the center of Holland Road. All registered voters living south of the center of Holland will vote at the Fire Station. All registered voters residing north of the center of Holland will vote at Highland Park School. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m., until 8:00 p.m.

2. What will be on the ballot?

The request for 9 additional mills for operation over a five-year-period of time (1971-1976).

3. Why do we need the millage?

Due to continuously rising costs and the inflationary trend of our economy, the school district costs have been increasing more rapidly than have the sources of revenue. One of the major factors in the overall loss of revenue has been the continual loss of state aid to the district. Buena Vista, over the past five years, has received the following state aid per pupil:

1970-71 – $136.35; 1969-70 – $136.35; 1968-69 – $156.63; 1967-68 – $183.88; 1966 - 67 – $190.69.

It is estimated that in 1971-72, state aid per child will be reduced to $67.95.

4. What will the millage do to school taxes?

	Total Mills	Annual Cost	Monthly	Wkly.	Daily
$4,000.00					
Proposed 1971-72 tax	30.55	$122.20	10.18	2.35	.34¢
Current school tax	21.55	86.20	7.19	1.64	.23¢
Increase		$ 36.00	2.99	.71	.11¢
$6,000.00					
Proposed 1971-72 tax	30.55	$183.30	15.28	3.53	.51¢
Current school tax	21.55	129.30	10.78	2.48	.35¢
Increase		$ 54.00	4.50	1.05	.16¢
$8,000.00					
Proposed 1971-72 tax	30.55	$244.40	20.37	4.70	.67¢
Current school tax	21.55	172.40	14.37	3.32	.47¢
Increase		$ 72.00	6.00	1.38	.20¢
$10,000.00					
Proposed 1971-72 tax	30.55	$305.50	25.46	5.87	.84¢
Current school tax	21.55	215.50	17.79	4.14	.59¢
Increase		$ 90.00	7.67	1.73	.25¢
$12,000.00					
Proposed 1971-72 tax	30.55	$366.60	30.55	7.05	1.01
Current school tax	21.55	258.60	21.55	4.97	.71¢
Increase		$108.00	9.00	2.08	.30¢
$14,000.00					
Proposed 1971-72 tax	30.55	$427.70	35.64	8.23	1.17
Current school tax	21.55	301.70	25.14	5.81	.83¢
Increase		$126.00	10.50	2.42	.34¢
$16,000.00					
Proposed 1971-72 tax	30.55	$488.80	40.73	9.40	1.34
Current school tax	21.55	344.80	28.73	6.63	.95¢
Increase		$144.00	12.00	2.77	.39¢
$19,000.00					
Proposed 1971-72 tax	30.55	$549.90	45.83	10.56	1.51
Current school tax	21.55	387.90	32.33	7.46	1.06
Increase		$162.00	13.50	3.10	.45¢
$20,000.00					
Proposed 1971-72 tax	30.55	$611.00	50.92	11.74	1.68
Current school tax	21.55	431.00	35.58	8.28	1.18
Increase		$180.00	15.34	3.46	.50¢

5. What will be done with the monies derived from this additional millage?

a. Restore the full hot lunch program, including hot lunch supervisors at all the schools (Buena Vista High School's lunch program will be modified).

b. Up-grade the K-12 curriculum by the addition of a curriculum supervisor, etc.,

c. Provide remedial reading instructors throughout the system.

d. Start an elementary physical education program, which requires at least three new instructors.

e. Initiate a district-wide elementary instrumental music program.

f. Hiring para-professionals to assist teachers in non-instructional areas of the curriculum.

g. Start an elementary guidance program, which would require several new counselors.

h. Purchase the needed textbooks for all levels of the curriculum.

i. Utilize the special education facilities available at the A. A. Claytor School.

j. Expand the curricular offerings at the Joseph G. Barr Vocational Center.

k. Return the conferences and workshop attendance costs for school personnel.

l. Purchase the delayed capital outlay items.

m. Purchase the buses that were scheduled for 1970-71.

n. Begin remodeling of the Highland Park School.

o. Meet the expenses of increased salary costs and the inflationary trends.

p. Balance costs of the loss of the 1970-71 state aid.

q. Supplement loss of 1971-72 state aid per pupil.

Here is the way the ballot will read:

OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the total tax rate limitation on the total amount of taxes that may be assessed against all taxable property within the Buena Vista School District, Saginaw County, Michigan, for all purposes, be increased, in accordance with Section 6, Article IX of the Michigan Constitution, by nine-tenths of 1% (9/10ths of 1%) of the assessed valuation, as equalized (9 mills) of all property in said school district, for the years 1971-1975, both inclusive, to provide additional Operating Funds for said school district?

YES NO

Church News

COMING EVENTS

March 7 – 6:00 Music Committee Meeting – Includes: Mrs Genwright, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Ware, Miss Wyse, and Mr Bixler.

March 7 – 11:00 Worship Speaker: Paul Bixler.

March 1-8 – Pastoral duties: Oliver Hardaway.

MISSIONS FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY

Project: Assisting in buying a house: total to date $45.50 but would like to raise it to $75 today.

Project for March: Southern Tornado Victim.

GRACE CHAPEL: at 2202 Janes, Saginaw, Michigan.

LAY PASTOR TEAM:

Willie Reed – 754-6313

Oliver Hardaway – 752-8806

Paul Bixler – 754-6692

SUNDAY:

10:00 – Bible Study; classes for all ages.

11:00 – Song Service, devotions, testimonies, and message.

ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES:

Women's Missionary and Service Auxiliary (Second Monday at 7:00)

MYF, Prayer Meeting, Choir.

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Some Suds

The 20-millionth barrel of beer produced by Anheuser-Busch, Inc., in 1970 (each barrel contains 13.777 cases) was bunged on November 25th at 12:15 p.m. by August A. Busch, Jr., president and chairman of the board, at the company's home plant in St. Louis.

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Commenting on the economic impact of this production, Mr. Busch pointed out that in addition to the thousands of jobs the company provides, federal taxes on the 20 million barrels will be $180,000,000.

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Now who started this stuff, who was so mighty?
As you know, it all goes back to Whitey.
Now this cat he really wants to be great
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So what does he do, he sends you to War
And you are made to fight, even if you don't give a damn.
This war is supposed to be really bad
And if a Brother makes it back he is really glad.
But you know the worse fight or war to this date,
Is really right here in the United States.
–Liz Dugan

Woods Resigns From Model Cities Post

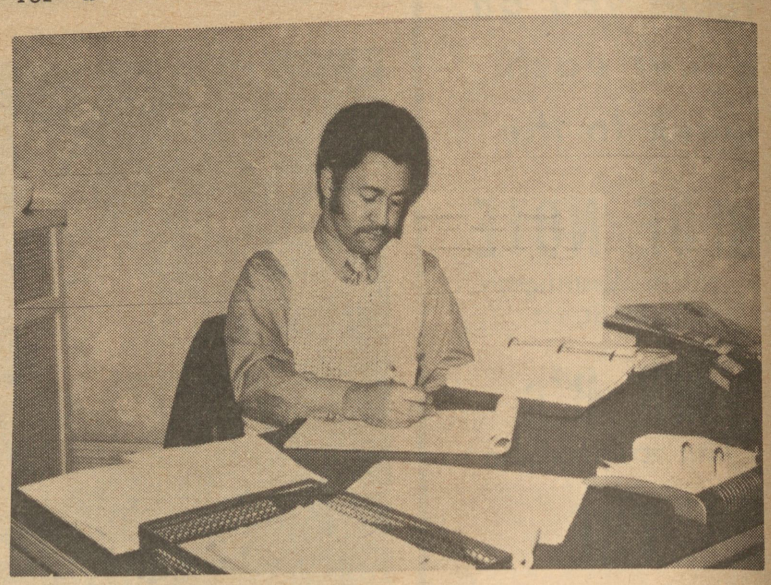
Paul D. Woods, a familiar figure in the Saginaw Model Cities Program for the past 2 1/2 years, has announced his resignation as Deputy Model City Administrator here to accept appointment to the position of Deputy Model City Director in Highland Park, Michigan, where he is scheduled to begin work on March 29, 1971. Woods began work here in July, 1968 as Model City Coordinator whereby he had the overall responsibility of administering the Model Cities Program through its initial planning phase.

Under Woods' direction, and in cooperation with the Saginaw Model Cities Involvement of Northeast Saginaw was developed. Subsequently, the Plan was approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, who approved a $1,729,000 contract with the City of Saginaw to begin program implementation.

Upon approval of this contract, Woods was designated Deputy Model City Administrator since the city felt that certain personnel changes were necessary to administer these newly acquired funds. Even though a flurry of controversy surrounding this personnel reshuffling prevailed, *Woods managed to weather the storm recognizing the political-social-racial implications that involved him personally.*

Concurrently, he felt that at the very root of this personnel change was basically the reluctance and unreadiness of the City to accept any minority group person as the head of any major City Department or decision-making effort This city attitude might be understandable, he implies, since the City has never before been so confronted with such an upsurge of minority group persons who do possess the required background experience and education necessary to eradicate our urban ills, especially in our minority group communities. In addition, he points out that the city government itself cannot be totally blamed for this attitudinal condition since many of Saginaw's community institutions very clearly exhibit tones of "institutional racism."

Mr Woods holds a BA degree in history and Political Science from Kentucky State College and has completed requirements for a Master of Public Administration Degree at Wayne State University in Detroit. Prior to coming to Saginaw he worked for the Citizens Research Council of Michigan in Detroit as a governmental researcher and was a former military historian-information specialist in the United States Air Force.



LEAVING HIS MODEL CITIES post is Paul Woods a familiar figure in the program for the past 2½ years.

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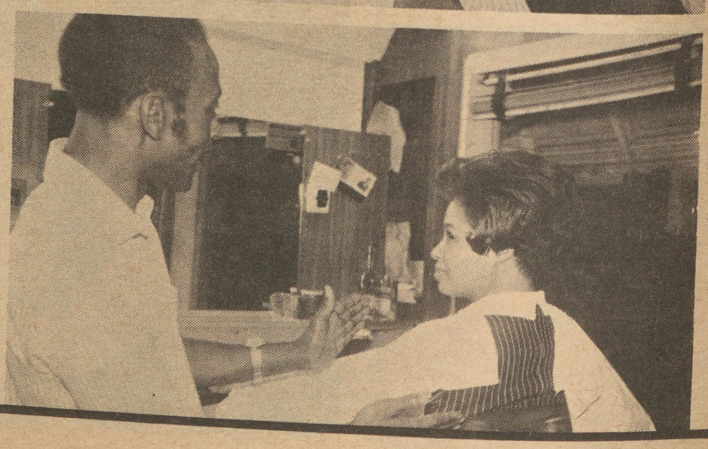

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Civitan Center Opens Its Second

PRESENTATION — The Mayor is presented with an honorary certificate at the opening of the new Community Center.

DISCUSSION — The City Manager and Mayor take a moment at the opening of the new community Center to discuss city matters.

Wednesday, January 3, 1971, the Civitan Center opened their second community center in Saginaw. The Civitan Center has a long reputation in being active in our community in trying to fulfill their needs of our many deserving citizens.

Their record stretches back to 1941, when they became organized in Saginaw. Approximately 20 years ago, they opened a club on North Sixth, on Fitchur, which they provided recreation for many needed youths.

The Civitan Center will be operated under the YMCA and it will be a temporary base for recreation for youths and young adults until a permanent center is built and located at Merrill Park.

A ceremony was attended by Saginaw Permanent Citizens. The Mayor of Saginaw was made an honorary member and presented with a certificate. He proclaimed that this was the official CC under the direction of the YMCA. There was also a warm greeting from the Civitan members and offices. Food was served very gracefully buffet style.

There were representatives from the Police Department as well as from Radio, TV, and newspapers. The activities mentioned were slot-car racing, basketball, and pocket pool. The director spoke of things they needed, a record player in particular. The city manager, Ed Potthoff, said he had one he'd let them use.

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Plain dresses can be snapped up to look dressy with the pinning of an old fashion broach or the draping of a flashy scarf. Also you will find many ladies wearing lots of chains and pearls which will give the dress a swinging affect. Many of the chains and lengths of pearls can be worn as necklaces or as belts to compliment any dress. Dress and skirt lengths will vary according to ones own taste but many of the fashion coordinators say that the hemlines will stay above the knees for Easter and for Spring.

JOYCE

Shoes still will be stepping with the clubby heel and square or rounded toe. Many will step into the still stylish T strap shoe which goes with any striking outfit you wear. Also High laced boots will be an eye catcher this Easter. These boots will range from a smooth patent leather to a crushed patent look, from a pretty velvet to a stunning brushed suede. Purses have taken on the Big looks this spring. Most of the purses will match the shoes or boots will be seeing and to compliment the look, many of the purses will have shoulder straps for easier handling and carrying.

To give many of the outfits a total look, you will see quite a few ladies with gloves made of every imaginable material. Many will wear the very sheer nylon gloves which are coming back into style for the year of 1971 or shiney patent leather in colors to match the top coat or jacket. Large lobe earrings will be seen peeking from under the pretty hairstyles. These large lobe earrings are coming back into style very fast. Many will be wearing them with the new styles for Easter and Spring of 1971.

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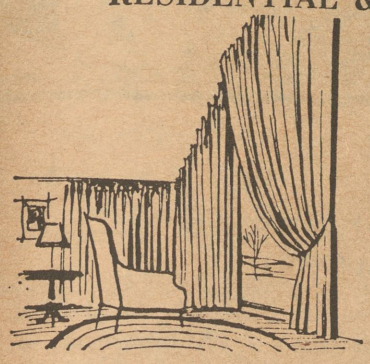

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NICK HALL. . .IN SPAIN

Some Black people who are not too young or who may recently have come from the South, will know and remember the market man. The market man, who traveled about selling his fruits and vegetables had two prices: one for the white people and one for the Black people.

He had a price for the white because they had the money to pay and a low price for the Blacks because they had to eat. If you can remember that, you have some idea of Spain. If you have ever heard the rag man's song or the watermelon man, you know something more about the life style of Spain.

In Milwaukee, on 27th and Hadley is a little bar, Butch's where on weekend nights people gather to drink and talk. When you are in Butch's Bar, it is like you are somewhere else: somewhere friendly where people love each other. If you know this bar or any like it, you know some more of Spain.

The most striking aspect of Spain is that it is not part of Europe. Nor is it part of Africa. Spain, for the most part, is a non-westernized country. Many Spanish people remember with pride that they are brother of "los morenos," dark-skinned peoples.

Africans ruled Spain for eight hundred years. It shows. One of the most beautiful things about Spain is that Black people are treated like anybody else, sometimes a little better. Many Spanish people know we suffer.

It is possible for a Black person to live in Spain and experience the feeling and knowledge of freedom. It is not so much that Spain is perfect. It is simply that Spain is good.

For the first time in my life, I have no fear of policemen. The important factor is that as long as people do not bother them (the police) they do not bother you. In the United States, the police seem to make a habit of antagonizing Black people. If a policeman in Spain antagonized a Black person, he would lose his job.

One sad point about Spain is that the racist United States propaganda has started to have an effect on Spain. It is not much at present, but if it is allowed to continue the effect may be devastating. Even so, most Spanish people would never think of insulting 'el negro,' a Black person.

On the other side of the coin, the Spanish people know that the United States treats Black people badly. They know what it is to be treated disrespectfully and brutalized. Because of this they make sure they treat not only each other with respect, but everyone with whom they come in contact.

Living in Spain is like having in the South (U.S.) in a Black community. There exists a feeling of community and commradship. A genuine feeling of *friendliness and respect is everywhere.*

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Our Team's Dynamite

by DENISE BURNS

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The Bucs practice to get every play right. Charles Cormier gives them good exercise and runs the players through many drills in the course of one day.

The Bucs walked away with the district championship with two big victories over Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart (79-67) and Beal City (72-55).

On the team we have one graduating senior, Delanor Delaney. He is 6-0 and he has this to say, "We really played some ball this year and I feel we will go all the way." Then, there's Eligah Coats, a 6-3 sophomore. He feels that Mr Cormier is one of the best coaches we've had yet. Mr Cormier's hard work and drive for the players got us where we are today.

Henry Sanchez, 6-1, a newcomer for the Varsity feels that the St. Joseph's Varsity team has the potential to go all the way to Ann Arbor for the Class D State Finals and be in contention for the Class D crown for the next three years.

Robert Thompson, a 6-1 sophomore enjoys the practices and says, "It does all the players a lot of good." He feels that Varsity is going to make State.

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Let's Legalize *Abortion*

by JESSE JAMES

Having just read some of the pros and cons on birth control, I feel that abortion should be legalized. In this time we are faced with an alarming birth rate. We are also rapidly draining our natural resources. If we are going to continue the human race, we are going to need conservation in both areas.

By legalizing abortion, I mean females fourteen years and older can get an inexpensive legal abortion. Even that age group leaves a margin of girls not included. I don't wish to sound totally unhibited and without morals but if preventive measures can not be taken before-hand then there is definitely a need for the aftermath.

Some people are against abortion for the moral reason. Who's going to need morals in thirty years when we're so overcrowded we'll be governed like and by machines? There are those who state abstinence is the key. Then are we not hypocrites to teach sex as pure and good of those who teach?

So far, New York is about the only place in the United States where abortions can be obtained for a reasonable cost legally. So, in conclusion, I would like to say that if we are going to keep the world safe for posterity, we must promote page (3rd population growth) to begin with better teaching techniques of conception, contraception, and abortion.

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Foster Parents Are In Demand

by JANE CORNEJO

Mr and Mrs Elmore Hooker of 227 South Fifth Street are one of the few Foster parents in the Saginaw area. They have recently adopted twin boys, Willie and Bill into their home. They are now 3 years old.

The Hooker's have adopted five other children into their home before the twins. Mrs Hooker is quite fond of children and before the arrival of her 3 year old daughter, Doris, she made up her mind that children they wanted, and children they were going to have. So they decided to adopt a child was the next best thing to having one of their own.

Mr and Mrs Hooker believe in giving all of their children the same amount of love, descipline and care. They also believe in the religious up-bringing of their children.

"There is a great demand for more black Foster parents," says Mrs Hooker. The present number of black children that need adoption is tremendous.

The Hookers' have projected the lives of six different humans. Can you project the life of just one?

it's a woman's WHIRL

by MARY LEE

"It can't happen here" are famous last words. At least they're fast becoming so in relation to drug abuse. Back in the early 1960's many thought drug addiction was confined to ghetto areas in big cities, mainly New York. But now, "1970 has become the year of the middle-class 'junkie'," says Dr. David E. Smith, founder and director of the Haight-Ashbury Medical Clinic, San Francisco, California.

Speaking before a session on drug control at the National Association of Manufacturer's Congress of American Industry in New York recently, he said, "Every adolescent in the United States is a potential drug addict."

He based his statements on facts gleaned from the 50,000 drug abuse patients that have come to his clinic in the past three years. Of that number only 16 percent were local. The rest came from every state in the Union. And there was a dramatic increase in the number of middle-class white heroin addicts among them, he reports.

In New York City, the leading cause of death in adolescence is from heroin overdosage, and 50 percent of the crimes of property are by addicts needing money to support their habit.

In San Francisco, 50 percent of the high school seniors have had regular experience with illegal drugs, and 10 percent of the 8th graders have tried at least once. This is a pattern of drug experimentation that is sweeping across the country.

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SMIC Gets Backing From NAACP

The NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), Saginaw Chapter, held its regular monthly meeting at the North Ninth Street Mennonite Church, Sunday, March 7, 1971.

The meeting was opened by Rev. Austin of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, with a hymn, a short scripture reading, and prayer. President of the Saginaw Chapter, Mrs Bernice Barlow, presided over the business portion of the meeting, which consisted mainly of receiving the report of the Education Committee, presented by its chairman, Rev. Bixler. The committee submitted a resolution to be sent to the Boad of Education Committee, presented by its chairman, Rev. Bixler. The committee submitted a resolution to be sent to the Board of Education, asking that open enrollment be observed "only when it improves racial balance." This resolution was accepted by the members.

Mrs Barlow then introduced the speaker of the day, Howard Smith, chairman of the board of Saginaw Model Cities Involvement Corporation.

Mr Smith began by saying that there is nothing that the Model Cities Program cannot do for poor and minority-group people if only it can be properly handled. He added that the program depends totally on "citizen participation," but in many cities, including Saginaw, there is much conflict between citizens and city administration as to exactly what is meant by that phrase. Mr Smith alleged that the program is being seriously mishandled by the present city government, and gave the following examples:

1. The fact that city ordinances, such as the one requiring paved driveway approaches, are not enforced equally against absentee as well as resident owners of homes;
2. The absence of minority group people working on the construction of the new civic center;
3. The hiring of a DCA (City Demonstration Agency) director from out-of-state;
4. The use of $20,000 of Model City funds for the surveying of Fifth and Sixth Streets, a responsibility which reightfully belongs to the city administratio, and the employing of a surveying firm from out-of-state.

Mr Smith then stated that SMCIC is now in the process of obtaining an injunction against the City of Saginaw to prevent the spending of any more Model City funds, until the matterof citizen participation is settled. He emphasized that the injunction is an attempt, not to stop the program altogether, but to interrupt it just long enough to be sure it is controlled by citizens. He added that he felt confident that this lawsuit would be won. He appealed to the NAACP for much-needed popular support for the Model City as it is outlined by the federal government.

Mr Smith then opened the meeting for questions. Many interesting and serious questions were asked, including the question, "What is the role of the NAACP in this matter?" Mr Smith answered with the suggestion that the organization make a public statement in support of SMCIC.

Mrs Barlow then took charge of the meeting, and stated that the NAACP would very shortly plan some type of liaison with Mr Smith

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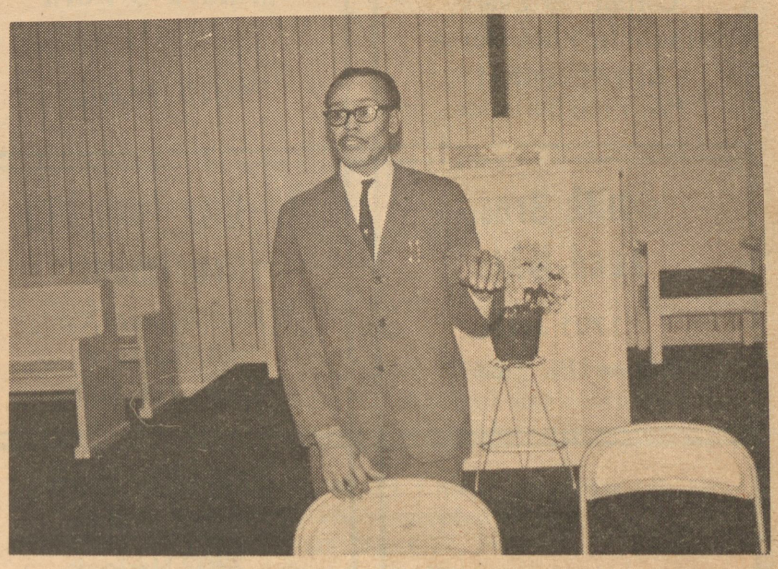

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